DHS Privacy Act Statement

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Vessel Manifest Confidentiality Request Privacy Act Statement

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), this Privacy Act Statement serves to inform you of why DHS is requesting the information on this form.

AUTHORITY:

CBP is authorized to collect information from an importer (or consignee, or authorized employee, attorney or official of the importer or consignee (for inward manifest – imports)), and an exporter (the shipper, or authorized employee or official of the shipper (for outward manifest – exports)), pursuant to 19 CFR § 103.31 - Information on vessel manifests and summary statistical reports.

PURPOSE:

Under 19 CFR 103.31, an importer or exporter may request confidentiality of manifest data relative to the importers/exporters name and address, by filing a request with CBP for confidential treatment of information included in an import or export manifest. CBP uses this information to review and, if appropriate, grant requests for confidentiality for a two-year period.

ROUTINE USES:

Vessel manifest information collected by CBP on imports and exports may be shared with paid subscribers in accordance with applicable regulations for the purpose of providing access to manifest information as set forth in 19 U.S.C. 1431 (and Pub. L. 104-295, sec. 3(a)(3)). A complete list of the routine uses can be found in the system of records notices associated with imports and exports: the Department of Homeland Security/CBP-001 Import Information System"; and "Department of Homeland Security/CBP-020 Export Information System." A full list of system of records notices can be found on the Department's website at http://www.dhs.gov/system-records-notices-sorns.

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION:

Providing this information to CBP is voluntary. However, failure to provide this information may result in CBP disclosing manifest information to paid subscribers pursuant to 19 CFR 103.31(a).